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Mr. Jefferson Morley
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Reference: F-2018-01689

Dear Mr. Morley:

Our records show that you have not responded to our 4 June 2018 letter asking for additional information or clarification concerning your 15 May 2018 Freedom of Information Act request. We are enclosing a copy of our previous letter in the event that you did not receive it. Since we had not received your response within the 45 days of suspense pending your response, your request was closed as it was not identified as a proper request for processing. This does not preclude you from resubmitting your request once you are able to obtain more information or provide a response to our previous letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Morley:

On 22 May 2018, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 15 May 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a **copy of CIA files on George Peris, also known as George Peristeropoulos, or George Paris**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Although you have provided some of the identifying information required before we can effectively search our files on an individual, we still need additional data before we can begin processing your request. Specifically, we **require** the individual's *date and place of birth, and date and place of death*. Without this data, we may be unable to distinguish between individuals with the same or similar names. If the individual is deceased, we also require some *evidence of death*, such as a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement to ensure there are no privacy considerations

Agency regulations encourage requesters seeking information on *living* third parties to provide a signed affidavit or declaration from the third parties waiving all or some of their privacy rights. We can search without this authorization, but if we locate responsive records, privacy concerns may require us to protect the information from release.

FOIA exemption (b)(6), a copy of which I have enclosed for reference and retention, requires us to protect information "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." In reaching this determination, we use the test our enclosed regulations outline at 32 CFR § 1900.32(b): "the Agency will balance the privacy interests that would be compromised by disclosure against the public interest in release of the requested information." Therefore, the waiver will assist us with this determination. In an effort to assist you, we are also enclosing a copy of the Freedom of Information Act – Certification of Identity form.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you will find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Department of Justice guidance. I have reviewed your request under those standards to determine "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." Your request does not meet these standards because disclosing the information you seek is not "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government." I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

We note you wish to be notified of the total charges prior to processing your request. Please be advised that we cannot provide you with an exact fee estimate until we have completed the search. Once our work is completed, you may be assessed fees for duplication if our work on your request exceeds the 100 pages of duplication which are free. In order to protect requesters from large/or unanticipated charges, we will ask you for a written commitment to pay fees if we determine they will exceed \$100. Although you still will be assessed fees accordingly, we will not notify you beforehand if we estimate that fees for completing your request will be less than \$100. We will proceed on this basis unless we hear otherwise from you in writing.

We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending receipt of the subject's **date and place of birth, date and place of death, and evidence of death OR a privacy waiver** as outlined above.

Sincerely,



Allison Fong
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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